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BUREAU OF POLICE

William B. Mills, SUPERINTENDENT

Philadelphia, January 1, 1924.

Director,
Department of Public Safety.

I forward herewith report showing the operations of the Bureau of Police during the year 1923.

ARRESTS

The total arrests for the year were 115,299, compared with 99,601 in 1922, showing an increase of 15,698. There were 54,144 arrests made for intoxication, intoxication and disorderly conduct, driving automobile while intoxicated and habitual drunkard, as compared with 44,746 for the year 1922, an increase of 9,398. The following figures show the most important arrests:

	1922	*1923*
Murder	97	136
Highway robbery	303	370
Burglary	53	49
Larceny	2,588	2,657
Bawdy house keepers	144	180
Bawdy house inmates	319	248
Street-walkers	127	61
Gambling house keepers	138	199
Gamblling house inmates, including street crap games.	2,089	2,010
Narcotic drugs, selling and possessing	352	257
Narcotic drug users	683	403

Of the arrests for the year 78,589 were white adult males, 3,926 white adult females, 16,469 colored adult males and 2,423 colored adult females; 3,864 were under 16 years of age and 10,128 were between 16 and 21 years of age.

In addition to 226 persons arrested charged with maintaining bawdy houses, 481 bawdy houses were closed; of this number 54 proprietors vacated the premises. Eighteen assignation houses were closed and the proprietors of 11 such houses vacated

the premises. There were 220 speakeasies closed, the proprietors of 19 such houses vacating the premises.

In addition to the arrest of 198 gambling house keepers, 26 gambling houses were closed. Three hundred and eighty-eight gambling devices were confiscated.

There were 115 inmates of bawdy houses placed under arrest; 39 inmates of disorderly houses and 291 frequenters of gambling houses. Six hundred and sixty-five persons were arrested charged with crap-shooting.

ROBBERIES AND LARCENIES

There were 6,989 robberies and larcenies reported during the year, classified as follows: Robberies, 3,212; larcenies, 3,777; automobiles stolen, 3,236; cases where property was reported as lost or stolen, 281. The total value of articles lost or stolen was $6,537,062.60, and the police recovered articles valued at $5,594,246.09.

AUTOMOBILE THEFTS, ETC.

Three thousand six hundred and thirty-six automobiles valued at $4,852,166.75 were reported stolen and 3,805 cars valued at $5,201,399.50 were recovered. Included in the latter were approximately 1,066, which were stolen in other cities and found abandoned on the highways of this City.

The methods used in committing these crimes are as follows: Automobiles, 3,236; boarders or roomers, 57; bogus agents, 1; bogus checks, 15; employees, 89; false keys, 183; false pretense, 39; flim flam, 48; forcible entry, 1,955; highway robberies, 849; hold-up stores, 136; larcenies from highway, 805; lost or stolen, 281; pickpockets, 287; servants, 75; sneak thieves, etc., 2,450; total 10,506. There were 4,210 thieves arrested; 879 charged with robbery and 3,331 charged with all forms of larceny.

Your attention is called to the fact that there were 7,087 doors, windows, etc., found open at night by the police.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

Members of the Detective Division made a total of 2,485 arrests; 6,569 negatives were made; 7,132 fingerprints were

taken; 2,387 photographs added to the Rogues' Gallery. Five thousand three hundred and twenty-nine persons were reported missing from home in this City during the year, of which number 4,883 were located and returned.

NARCOTIC DRUGS

The activities of the officers assigned to the task of apprehending persons for violation of the Narcotic Drug Acts show 467 arrests of persons charged as users, 113 as sellers and 152 for having such drugs in their possession. This renders it very difficult for persons addicted to the use of narcotics to secure their supplies.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The special squad of patrolmen in plain clothes, who were assigned to investigate complaints and verify information received regarding disorderly bawdy houses, disorderly streetwalkers, gambling houses, illegal sale and possession of narcotic drugs and violation of the prohibition laws, made 1,889 arrests for various offenses. Of this number 1,424 were tried, 740 convicted, 684 acquitted and 465 cases were awaiting disposition of the courts. Included in these figures are the arrests of persons on other charges than those mentioned above.

DRILLS

The members of this bureau were instructed in military drill, foot drill, mounted drill, manual of arms, saluting, military courtesy, personal appearance, wearing of uniform, calisthenics, gas and riot instructions, roll call inspection, manual of baton, school of instruction for lieutenants, school of instruction for sergeants, Butt's Manual, care of equipment, division reviews, shot-gun instruction and inspection, revolver instruction, traffic signals, physical instruction, handling unruly prisoners, self-defense, ju jutsu, physical training and first aid.

The drillmaster and his assistants, co-operating with the lieutenant in charge of the Police Training School, attended all sessions of the Police Training School with the result that all recruits were thoroughly instructed in infantry drill, foot drill,

manual of arms, saluting, military courtesy, personal appearance, wearing of uniform, calisthenics, roll call inspection, manual of baton, care and use of revolvers, traffic signals, physical instructions, handling of unruly prisoners, self-defense, ju jutsu, physical instructions and first aid.

All horses trained at the Model Farm Training Stables this year were mounts turned in, retrained and reissued.

Members of the bandit squadron were instructed in the use and care of the shot gun and pursuit of the bandits.

Riot batallion companies A. B, and C were instructed in infantry drill, manual of arms and riot drill.

The gas company was instructed in infantry drill, care and use of gas and gas mask and riot drill.

SPEED LIMIT AND STREET SIGNS

Additional "Fifteen (15) Mile Speed Limit" signs numbering 25 were erected at dangerous locations in the various sections of the City for the purpose of restricting the speed of motor vehicles and 4,140 signs bearing the names of streets were placed at points where needed, also 208 of the latter signs were repaired and replaced. One hundred and eleven "One Way Traffic" and 68 "School" and "Run Slow" signs were erected to control traffic at various locations.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION DIVISION

The work performed by the Accident Prevention Division, which was organized November 1, 1921, demonstrated the necessity for this division during the year 1923. A total of 24,916 accidents of all kinds was reported to the bureau and a special investigation made of 7,433 cases. Officers connected with this division made 735 arrests and the magistrate at the traffic court, a branch of the division, heard 6,879 cases in which summons were issued for traffic violations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are withheld pending reorganization plans of the incoming Director.

APPENDIX

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APPROPRIATIONS

	1922	1923
Balance not merging December 31st, including loan funds	$180 360 97	$158 940 66
Appropriated during the year, including loan funds	3 023 657 95	9 201 266 75
Appropriated in December for ensuing year	7 162 960 35	1 578 269 34
Totals	$10 366 979 27	$10 938 476 75
Transferred to	37 950 00	152 300 00
Totals	$10 404 929 27	$11 090 776 75
Transferred from	911 597 79	1 549 788 81
Totals	$9 493 331 48	$9 540 987 94

APPROPRIATIONS

Purchasing Agent for Bureau of Police

Balance not merging December 31st	$12 750 41	$19 623 31
Appropriated in December for ensuing year	166 700 00	167 200 00
Transferred to	29 610 55	103 525 00
Totals	$209 060 95	$290 348 31
Transferred from	5 128 01	163 00
Totals	$203 932 95	$290 185 31

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Showing Expenditures through the Purchasing Agent, also Expenditures by the Bureau of Police

	1923
General fund expenditures, Purchasing Agent	$283 039 61
General fund expenditures, Bureau of Police	9 381 256 87
Total	$9 664 296 48
Balance not merging—Safety—General fund	$8 074 33
Balance not merging—Safety—Loan funds	146 399 36
Balance not merging—Purchasing Agent	4 407 29
Balance merging—Safety—General fund	5 257 38
Balance merging—Purchasing Agent	2 738 41
Total	$9 831 173 25

EXPENDITURES

Item		1923
A4	Personal services	$328 008 99
A5	Personal services	845 847 79
A6	Personal services: patrolmen	7 609 855 00
A7	Personal services: cleaners	36 037 10
A8	Personal services: medical attendance	36 491 50
15	Uniforms	233 600 00
16	Transportation of persons	26 500 00
17	Expenses of securing evidence	4 000 00
18	Maintenance, including repairs of automobiles	27 451 18
19	Maintenance, including repairs of boats	4 196 71
20	Horseshoeing	24 076 38
21	Keep of horses	1 390 65
22	Repairs to badges, harness, furniture and van service and expenses	1 935 03
23	Repairs and maintenance of printing press	1 168 88
24	Annual dues, Superintendent in National Bureau of Identification and Association of Chiefs of Police	115 00
25	Rent of stations and stables	2 800 00
26	Water rent	212 30
27	Communication service	3 498 58
29	Meals for prisoners	4 572 30
30	Erection of street signs	4 994 36
31	Miscellaneous purposes	1 794 12
32	To replace uniforms destroyed	345 55
33	Pensions	100 000 00
34	Ambulance service	17 625 00
35	Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	9 000 00
36	Morris Animal Refuge	5 000 00
37	Animal Rescue League	8 000 00
38	Horse watering stations	5 500 00
39	Erection of and repairs to traffic devices	6 983 73
40	Incidental expenses in station houses	9 992 39
41	Stationery, tags, etc., "Dog Law of 1917"	1 448 55
42	Erection of traffic towers, etc	13 863 53
43	Printing and binding police manuals	4 052 25
	Total	$9 381 256 87

EXPENDITURES BY THE PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE BUREAU OF POLICE

Item		1923
166	Towel service	$666 68
167	Stationery, printing, paper, ice, household cleaning, office and other supplies	12 388 16
168	Fuel, including burning oils and gases	106 236 52
169	Feed and bedding for horses	51 047 99
170	Harness, stable and veterinary supplies, drugs, packing, waste, lubricating oils and greases	6 651 26
171	Drugs, medical and surgical supplies and appliances	2 376 91
172	Hardware, lumber, paints and painters' materials, tools, leather and findings, pipe and fittings, parts, accessories, and equipment for motor vehicles and boats	27 972 97
173	Furniture, furnishings, bedding, batons, badges, office and other equipment	8 137 83
173½	Furnishings, etc., for detectives	1 965 35
174	Photographic materials	1 027 17
175	Purchase bicycles	2 987 00
176	Miscellaneous purposes	478 36
177	Purchase of radio and conducting experiments	792 53
178	Purchase automobiles for detectives	18 985 00
178½	Purchase auto patrols and vans	14 999 58
179	Purchase new automobile for fire marshal	600 00
179½	Purchase baking apparatus for surgeon	874 40
	Total	$283 039 61

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, BUREAU OF POLICE, 1923

Expenses incurred			$9 560 304 50
Personal services		$8 847 219 96	
Services other than personal, supplies, etc.		524 220 35	
Uniforms	$233 945 55		
Forage	51 047 89		
Fuel	106 236 52		
Care of animals	25 467 03		
Transportation	26 500 00		
Miscellaneous	66 469 31		
Station houses	14 564 69		
	$524 220 35		
Fixed charges, rents and pension fund		103 012 30	
Contributions to hospitals and humane societies		45 125 00	
Maintenance		40 725 89	
		$9 560 304 50	
Property acquired			93 051 58
Equipment		$93 051 58	
Total			$9 653 356 08

These expenditures were financed in the following manner:

Warrants countersigned—General fund—Safety	$9 381 254 88
Warrants countersigned—General fund—Purchasing Agent	283 039 61
Abatement of expense:	
Refund on payrolls	9 920 42
Damage to traffic devices	1 010 64
Overdrawn on Item 32, uniforms	7 35
Total	$9 653 356 08

The above refunds and money received for damage to traffic devices were paid to the Receiver of Taxes during the year 1923.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, 1923

Moving picture and operators' licenses (Fire Marshal)	$17 460 00
Dog licenses	50 871 50
Dogs redeemed	1 746 00
Sale of lost and found articles	2 260 60
Police sales	369 19
Pickups and estrays	269 00
Damage to traffic devices	1 010 64
Miscellaneous	7 35
Total	$73 994 28
Amount paid to Receiver of Taxes	73 994 28

FIRE MARSHAL'S DIVISION

The loss in Philadelphia by fire during 1923 will amount to approximately $7,100,000. Based on a population of two million this amounts to a per capita loss of $3.55, an increase in the gross loss and the per capita loss over the same period for 1922. As in all previous years this large loss represents, to a very large extent, carelessness on the part of the citizens of Philadelphia, but in fairness to the citizens it is well to state during the year there were four large fires in the City representing in themselves a loss of $2,000,000. This is an unusual feature of any year and eliminated from the totals would have caused the total of 1923 to have been less than the total of 1922 in gross loss.

The total number of fires remained approximately the same—6,880 as against 6,516 of the year previous.

The figures in the following table set forth the activities of the office for the year:

WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FIRE ESCAPE INSPECTORS

Total number of original inspections	14,309
Total number of reinspections	7,443
Total	21,752
Number of cases referred to City Solicitor	556

New Improvements Erected:

Fire escapes	101
Chains on fire escapes	21
Drop ladders on fire escapes	21
Chemical extinguishers	118
Exit signs posted directing to exits	1,327
Fire pails	618
Fire doors	4
Metal cans	28
Rope fire escapes	4,037
Fire alarm gongs	2,560
Red lights	950
Lights in hallways and stairways	149
Aisle space provided and exits made accessible	99

Repairs Made and Protection Provided:

Fire escapes repaired	477
Fire escapes scraped and painted	374
Fire alarm gongs repaired	711
Coal stoves protected	3
Chemical extinguishers recharged	309
Fire pails refilled	895
Obstructions removed	148
Rubbish removed	171
Number of houses certified to Division of Housing and Sanitation during 1923	9,291

FIRE PREVENTION

Total number of buildings inspected and reinspected and the work done by the uniform firemen detailed on fire prevention work from February 14, 1913, to the above date; with the number of men detailed:

Date Dec., 1923	Original inspect'n	Men working	Rein-spection	Men working	Office force	Spec. work	Sick exc.
1st	58	17	10	1	9	19	5
3d	112	18	90	6	9	14	4
4th	120	18	90	6	9	14	4
5th	105	16	80	6	9	14	6
6th	121	17	100	6	9	14	5
7th	120	17	20	2	9	18	5
8th	48	14	18	2	8	17	10
10th	123	17	22	2	9	17	7
11th	121	17	35	2	9	16	8
12th	103	17	30	2	9	16	8
13th	115	17	23	2	9	17	7
14th	111	17	90	6	9	13	7
15th	55	17	20	3	9	18	6
17th	109	18	10	1	9	20	5
18th	115	18	30	2	9	19	5
19th	94	17	20	2	8	19	7
20th	116	18	20	2	8	10	6
21st	90	17	.....	.....	8	21	7
22d	49	17	10	1	8	20	7
24th	115	19	10	1	8	20	5
25th	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	51
26th	88	17	10	1	8	20	7
27th	92	17	.....	.....	8	22	6
28th	121	17	.....	.....	8	22	6
29th	59	17	.....	.....	8	21	7
31st	124	18	.....	.....	8	21	6
Totals ..	2 494		738	Number of men detailed, 53			

Total number of buildings inspected and reinspected to December 31, 1921..	412 783
Total number of buildings inspected to December 31, 1922.....	33 252
Total number of buildings reinspected to December 31, 1922.....	21 185
Total number of buildings inspected to December 31, 1923.....	31 446
Total number of buildings reinspected to December 31, 1923.....	17 707
Total	516 376
Total number of fire drills to December 31, 1920.....	7 850
Total number of fire drills to December 31, 1921.....	2 575
Total number of fire drills to December 31, 1922.....	2 724
Total number of fire drills to December 31, 1923.....	2 503
Total	15 652

Note—Special work listed above takes in the following: Complaints, street supervision of men, fire drill inspections, details, special inspections of defective heaters, stoves, chimneys, flues, etc.

The following minor safeguards were installed against fire in buildings as shown by the reinspections of property by the uniform firemen detailed on fire prevention work from February 14, 1913, to the above date:

	1913-19	1920	1921	1922	1923
New safety features:					
Alarm system box cards posted	4 782	4	4	.....	.....
Alarm system gongs	83	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alarm system signs posted	27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baler for paper	18	2	4	5	5
Elevator doors	36	18	21	16	51
Exit signs	13 757	149	123	88	111
Fire doors	11	29	39	83	139
Fire drills	5 365	2 485	2 575	2 724	2 503
Fire drill instructions given	1 593	449	204	29	28
Fire extinguishers	1 987	241	267	562	1 107
Fire pails	114 872	28 938	25 066	9 565	6 391
Gasoline tank	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hose	81	26	32	.....	.....
Ladders to roof	9	.....	1	.....	.....
Metal cans	17 323	1 325	2 502	1 619	2 451
Metal-lined boxes	1 457	153	182	288	656
Metal stands and flexible hose	948	62	11	2	.....
New lids for metal cans	102	1	5	44	98
No smoking signs	41 029	12 505	13 218	9 147	7 441
Nozzles	58	32	14	.....	.....
Safety cans	503	136	180	639	1 745
Sand pails	3 873	454	1 124	1 670	2 012
Steps to high windows to fire escape	70	18	22	112	136
Water barrels	371	14	10	11	1
Wire baskets	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Protection applied:					
Boxes for sweeping rubbish lined	683	39	66	165	440
Coal stoves, ranges, etc	10 900	1 689	1 571	1 092	1 063
Dumb waiters metal lined	2	3	.....	22	.....
Elevator doors metal lined	178	4	43	60	78
Excelsior bins metal lined	1 130	66	21	110	77
Fire doors metal lined	16	4	15	64	87
Flue pipes	849	1 374	1 155	531	744
Fusible links placed on doors	137	22	11	22	114
Gas stoves	4 351	722	644	670	330
Hose repaired and reracked	542	61	45	142	216
Ironing boards, tables, etc	137	5	8	9	7
Lacquer rooms metal lined	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Metal protection under sad irons	537	24	22	35	50
Motors	45	5	3	7	.....
Oil lamps	109	4	.....	.....	.....
Over and around boilers	108	4	2	7	314
Radiators protected and cleared	200	.....	.....	28	349

MINOR SAFEGUARDS INSTALLED—Concluded

	1913-19	1920	1921	1922	1923
Protection applied—Concluded:					
Rings around stovepipes	270	31	49	122	369
Safety bars on elevator windows	514	103	62	106	194
Steam pipes	101	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swinging gas jets made stationary, or wire guards	15 882	974	685	823	700
Terra-cotta thimbles	543	28	35	132	476
Repairs made:					
Automatic fire systems	156	.....	19	29	.....
Basements made accessible	128	31	99	792	2 445
Buildings	2 772	1 032	662	160	113
Chimneys	2 667	491	414	830	988
Defective flues	3 772	231	171	422	880
Electrical	14	5	16	3	.....
Fire doors	141	4	23	34	137
Fire escapes	1 265	28	22	13	.....
Ranges reset	179	49	129	418	288
Rope fire escape	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Siamese steamer connections	38	7	52	9	.....
Walk lights	67	6	16	52	1
Removals made:					
Exit and obstructions	1 043	897	2 100	2 166	2 635
Oils from buildings to yard	84	67	58	108	37
Oil lamps	179	11	7	32	72
Rubbish piles	29 848	10 229	7 022	4 362	4 712
Stock from radiators	221	20	58	26	336
Stoves	385	13	35	118	75
Trap doors	.....	17	67	18	1
Windows cleared	1 040	303	211	512	741
Recharging:					
Chemical extinguishers	9 285	2 389	1 640	1 092	1 221
Fire pails refilled	89 744	28 734	6 052	3 162	2 610
Totals	402 890	90 520	68 896	45 009	47 897

Total improvements to December 31, 1921	562 306
Total improvements to December 31, 1922	45 009
Total improvements to December 31, 1923	47 897
Total	655 212

	1913-21	1922	1923
Complaints referred to Boiler Inspection	22	5	4
Complaints referred to Building Inspection	2 482	82	107
Complaints referred to Elevator Inspection	58	21	34
Complaints referred to Fire Escape Inspection	5 849	312	440
Complaints referred to Housing and Sanitation	819	132	103

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

The following minor safeguards against fire were installed in the various theatres by the theatre patrol from October 1, 1913, to date:

	1913-19	1920	1921	1922	1923
New safety features:					
Asbestos curtain	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Axes	138	7	6	.....	12
Drills installed	105	1	1	.....	1
Exhaust fan from booth	.....	2	.....	.....	5
Exit signs and lights	381	44	15	4	20
Fire extinguishers	218	35	32	15	40
Fire pails	363	100	102	73	41
Fire shutters	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guard rails	.....	3	2	3	.....
Hooks	37	10	6	.....	.....
House buzzers	56	3	1	1	1
Hose	144	24	2	12	.....
Hose reel	43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iron ladders for tank on roof	2	.....	.....	.....	1
Knives	36	.....	.....	.....	2
Metal cans	193	17	26	16	14
Metal-lined bins for paper	4	1	.....	.....	2
New vent for skylights	.....	.....	.....	1	2
No smoking signs	3 038	6	110	63	74
Nozzles	47	1	2	.....	.....
Panic bolts	70	29	.....	2	10
Placards posted	230	2	.....	.....	.....
Pocket for axes	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sand pails and scoops	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sprinkler heads	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trapdoors	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Water casks	132	15	19	10	9
Wire guards on gas jets	131	.....	.....	9	.....
Repairs made:					
Bins metal lined	32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buildings	41	7	6	7	.....
Candles	98	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cask remarked	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Couplings	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Curtains	60	1	1	4	1
Doors protected and lined	216	.....	.....	.....	.....
Electrical	59	.....	1	4	.....
Exit signs	250	14	13	4	.....
Exit and obstructions	31	.....	.....	.....	.....
Extinguishers	57	2	.....	.....	.....
Fire acts stopped	47	2	1	1	.....
Fire doors	46	28	22	11	2
Fire escapes repaired and painted	79	4	12	13	7

MINOR SAFEGUARDS INSTALLED—Concluded

	1913-19	1920	1921	1922	1923
Repairs made—Concluded:					
Fire shutters	20	.....	12	.....	.....
Flues	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fusible links placed	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gas jets protected	76	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gas stoves	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guard rails raised	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Hose	100	12	22	18	.....
Hose reels	34	.....	.....	1	.....
Fire alarm signal boxes	30	11	.....	.....	.....
House buzzers	11	1	1	1	.....
Moving picture booths	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Panic bolts	12	4	5	.....	.....
Ropes extended to stage	23	1	.....	.....	.....
Ropes painted red	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Siamese steamer connections	31	3	8	5	.....
Standpipes	19	1	2	1	.....
Tables lined	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Valves	39	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vent, skylights operated	580	34	44	44	43
Vent, skylights repaired	64	6	7	13	10
Water pails remarked	372	.....	.....	.....	.....
Water tanks on roof	7	1	1	1	.....
Removals made:					
Candles	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chairs from aisles	2	1	.....	1	.....
Coal bins from sub stage	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fire alarm boxes stage from street	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gas jets	23	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gas stoves	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gasoline stage to street	587	73	140	394	515
Kerosene	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rubbish piles	28	12	9	4	10
Spot lights	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stoves	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Surplus scenery	2	3	6	4	.....
Wooden boxes	9	2	.....	.....	.....
Recharging:					
Casks refilled	8 771	3 051	3 163	2 855	2 566
Chemical extinguishers	6 501	607	275	283	124
Fire pails refilled	50 162	18 357	19 353	16 952	16 175
Drills held	8 172	1 780	1 950	2 024	1 920
Hose tested	2 267	470	486	506	489
Scenery tested and fireproofed	133	1 381	1 129	1 335	1 281
Totals	85 188	26 170	27 066	24 694	22 193

Total improvements to December 31, 1921	138 434
Total improvements to December 31, 1922	24 694
Total improvements to December 31, 1923	22 193
Total	185 321
Total inspections to December 31, 1921	192 344
Total inspections to December 31, 1922	24 498
Total inspections to December 31, 1923	20 805
Total	235 647

Number of alarms of fires as investigated by the assistant fire marshals for the year 1923:

Occupancy		*Occupancy*	
Apartments	66	Electrical appliances	4
Apothacaries	7	Feed and grain stores	1
Asylums and homes	5	Fire houses	3
Automobile sundries	5	Fish and oyster stores	2
Bakeries	11	Foundries, iron	12
Banks	1	Fruit stores	2
Barber shops	7	Furnishing, gents'	1
Barns	20	Furniture factories	8
Bath houses	1	Furniture stores	6
Billiard and pool rooms	5	Garages	114
Blacksmiths	2	Glue works	1
Boat houses	1	Grocery stores	47
Bottlers	1	Halls	6
Boiler rooms	14	Hardware stores	1
Box manufacturing, paper	1	Hat and cap factory	4
Box manufacturing, wood	3	Hospitals	5
Brass foundry	2	Hotels	17
Breweries	4	Jewelry stores	1
Building offices	41	Junk shops	7
Butchers, retail	10	Kiln	2
Butchers, wholesale	2	Laboratories	5
Cafes	4	Laundries	11
Candy factories	2	Leather goods	2
Candy stores	9	Liquors, retail	1
Carpenters	1	Lodging houses	1
Charcoal works	1	Machine shops	5
Chemical works	1	Manufactories, varied	184
Churches	13	Market houses	2
Cigar factory	1	Mattress factories	4
Cigar stores	15	Milliners	2
Clothing factory	2	Mills, knitting	1
Clothing stores	2	Mills, paint	7
Club houses	13	Mills, paper	1
Coppersmiths	2	Mills, varied	53
Delicatessen stores	6	Mills, waste	4
Department stores	4	Mills, woodworking	4
Drygoods stores	7	Motion picture houses	5
Dwellings	1,980	Outhouses	13
Dye works	9	Power plant	3
Dyer and scourer	5	Paint stores	4

Occupancy		*Occupancy*	
Picture frame factory	1	Smokehouses	7
Plumbers	5	Stables	38
Police stations	1	Steel works	2
Printers	2	Stores, varied	163
Prison	1	Tailors	24
Produce stores	6	Tenant houses	26
Railroad stations	5	Theatres	4
Refineries	6	Tin works	1
Repair shops, auto	7	Tool houses	10
Restaurants	56	Trunk and bag manufacturing	1
Schools, parochial	1	Unoccupied	110
Schools, private	5	Wagon builders	1
Schools, public	13	Wallpaper stores	4
Sheds, frame	73	Warehouses, paper	3
Shirt factories	1	Warehouses, rags	4
Shirtwaist factory	5	Warehouses, varied	48
Shoe factories	2	Warehouses, waste	2
Shoe stores	6	Workshops, varied	4
Shoe repair shops	3		

OTHER THAN BUILDINGS

Occupancy		*Occupancy*	
Automobiles and trucks	711	Motorcycles	15
Boats	24	New buildings	19
Brickyards	4	Previously reported	1
Bridges	56	Rekindling	30
Cars, railroad	30	Ship piers	17
Cars, trolley	37	Stone yards	1
Coal oil tanks	6	Street fires, manholes	4
Coal tar products	1	Street fires, wagons	26
Coal yards	17	Street fires, wires	52
Collapsed buildings	5	Street fires, varied	269
Demolished buildings	11	Yards	110
Dumps	146	Bucks County	2
False alarms	1,129	Montgomery County	3
Fences	60	Out of City	1
Fields and lots	586		
Lumber yards	14		6,880

SUMMARY OF CAUSES

Alcohol lamps	4	Ashes, hot, varied	87
Ashes in wooden boxes	39	Auto, backfire	367

Auto, varied	230
Backdraughts	4
Bonfires	142
Candles, careless use	55
Chemicals	5
Children with fire	10
Chimney soot	61
Chimney soot, open fire place	6
Christmas trees	11
Cigar and cigarettes	607
Clothing from gas, etc.	16
Coal from grates	52
Defective chimneys	110
Defective flues	56
Defective furnaces	1
Defective motors	48
Defective stoves	3
Draperies from gas, etc.	74
Electrical, varied	31
Electrical wiring, bad, building	71
Electric wiring, bad, street	84
Engines, varied	3
Explosions from gas	9
Explosions, gasoline	9
Explosions, varied	38
Explosions, waterback	3
Films ignited	8
Fireworks	2
Flatirons	39
Friction in machinery	52
Fumes in open flame	46
Fumigating	11
Gas jets, varied	140
Gas stoves, varied	51
Gasoline, cleaning	22
Gasoline, varied	48
Hot metal	1
Hot plates	3
Hot rivets	9
Incendiary	43
Kerosene lamp	35
Kerosene stoves	61
Leaking gas jets	46
Lightning	13
Lime, slaking of	7
Matches, careless use	1,065
Matches, children	190
Mischievous boys	258
Overboiling oils	17
Overboiling grease	109
Overboiling pitch	63
Overheated bearings	9
Overheated motors	4
Overheated drying rooms	9
Overheated engines	1
Overheated heaters	2
Overheated smoke pipes	67
Overheated stoves, coal	81
Oil burners	7
Overheated oil stoves	11
Rekindling	30
Rubbish	225
Sparks from chimneys	38
Sparks from fires	62
Sparks from locomotives	67
Sparks from stoves	40
Spontaneous combustion	78
Stove pipes unprotected	6
Stoves upset	22
Sunrays	1
Thawing out water pipes	13
Torches	37
Tramps in buildings	7
Woodwork, paper, etc.	121
Unknown causes	338
False alarms, smoke	296
False alarms, no fire	701
False alarms, malicious	132
Previously reported	1
Collapsed buildings	2
Bucks County	2
Montgomery County	3
Out of County	1
Totals	6,880

FIRES REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION

Causes	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
Defrauding insurance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
False alarms	98	95	109	81	84	90	85	86	81	117	103	100	1 119
Incendiary	6	2	2	4	4	5	7	4	3	2	2	2	43
Intoxicated persons	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	8
Malicious	5	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
Occupants absent	11	8	7	2	7	12	13	2	9	9	12	8	100
Paramaniac	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Suspicious	10	5	10	8	9	10	10	11	10	15	12	8	118
Tramps in buildings	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
To cover robbery	.....	1	2	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	2	1	13
Unknown causes	20	23	30	39	20	25	22	27	22	48	24	38	338

FIRES IN PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1914	480	393	345	380	450	412	279	301	412	393	603	451	4 899
1915	367	352	497	548	386	341	293	275	363	333	551	513	4 816
1916	496	486	463	478	443	362	346	406	397	496	583	583	5 221
1917	524	600	503	498	451	424	337	365	335	405	583	617	5 642
1918	688	532	664	453	396	383	464	385	324	368	545	569	5 771
1919	513	492	482	420	328	349	397	314	332	381	463	605	5 076
1920	719	426	578	492	447	428	415	348	377	455	558	555	5 798
1921	675	504	526	381	404	586	315	321	391	542	457	644	5 746
1922	694	481	564	521	538	336	378	370	399	740	790	705	6 516
1923	565	563	683	731	584	650	554	433	447	552	565	553	6 880

MEDICAL DIVISION

ACTIVITIES FOR 1923

Visits to Chief Surgeon	21,562
Classification as follows:	
Police	14,481
Firemen	5,905
Electrical Bureau	864
Bureau of City Property	203
Bureau of Boiler Inspection	22
Receiver of Taxes	1
Bureau of Elevator Inspection	4
Bureau of Water	10
Recorder of Deeds	6
Bureau of Surveys	3
Department of Public Works	9
City Council	4
Office of City Solicitor	8
Department of Public Welfare	2
Common Pleas Courts	11
Civil Service Commission	1
Department of Law	1
Department of Public Safety	13
District Attorney's Office	1
Purchasing Agent's Office	3
Fire Marshal's Office	9
Prothonotary's Court	1
Visits Made by District Surgeons:	
Police	4,245
Firemen	990
Prisoners treated at station houses	13,791
Treated for intoxication	2,419
Drug addicts	1,821
Intoxicated chauffeurs examined	1,056
Details at fires	677
Details at parades, etc.	24
Nose and Throat Clinic:	
Police treated	606
Firemen treated	450
Electrical Bureau employees treated	4
Operations on nose and throat	85

Eye Clinic:

Police examined	335
Firemen examined	258
Electrical Bureau employees	19

Neurological Clinic:

Police examined	365
Firemen examined	123
Electrical Bureau employees	31

Report of Roentgenological Department:

X-rays taken	307

Department of Baking, Massage and Electricity:

A department for baking, massage and electricity was opened on May 21, 1923.

Activities since that date:

Cases massaged	869
Cases baked	856
Cases treated with electricity	328
Total	2,053

Those treated:

Police	72
Firemen	37
Total	109
Cost of each patient treated	$0.24

CHARGES ON WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

	1920	1921	1922	1923
Abandonment of infant	11	17	12	8
Abduction	3	1	4	2
Abortion	14	6	11	23
Abortion, attempt to procure	2	1	0	1
Abortion, article to cause	0	1	0	0
Absconding	673	368	105	93
Adultery	53	37	27	17
Aiding to escape	2	1	0	0
American flag, defiling	0	1	0	0
Animals, cruelty to	143	93	109	66
Arson	10	13	14	8
Assault and battery	4 958	4 783	7 207	9 084
Assault and battery, aggravated	908	1 108	1 144	973
Assault and battery, intent to kill	85	70	91	44
Assaulting officers	178	122	113	93
Automobile, speeding	1 204	448	490	337
Automobile, driving intoxicated	0	494	472	645
Automobile, false registration	0	14	2	8
Automobile, no lights	0	346	36	133
Automobile, with cut-out open	0	15	36	11
Automobile, without license	0	992	1 638	3 480
Automobile, reckless driving	0	1 509	2 767	6 952
Automobile, parking	0	117	700	358
Automobile, defaced license	0	123	184	18
Automobile, maximum weight not registered	0	2	0	0
Bawdy house, keeper	176	173	114	180
Bawdy house, frequenter	0	299	250	151
Bawdy house, inmate	600	317	319	243
Beating wife	11	0	0	0
Breaking and entering	348	276	196	174
Bigamy	24	28	2	14
Blackmail	0	1	9	3
Bootlegging	0	8	17	0
Breach of peace	5 210	3 687	3 082	2 291
Breach of ordinance	6 844	3 392	2 039	1 787
Bribery	9	13	11	9
Burglary	103	86	53	49
Burglary, attempt	8	26	10	5
Buggery	0	14	9	11
Children, cruelty to	7	12	2	6
Cigarettes, illegal to children	0	0	1	2
Conspiracy	62	64	109	37
Corner lounging	2 234	2 288	1 926	1 872
Counterfeiting	4	14	4	0
Counterfeit money, passing	11	23	21	3
Desertion	125	26	33	31
Disorderly houses	103	83	167	176
Disorderly houses, inmates of	0	304	793	1 123
Drunkards, habitual	33	33	50	177
Disorderly persons	0	6 379	8 027	10 600

CHARGES ON WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE—Continued

	1920	1921	1922	1923
Disorderly street walkers	523	229	203	136
Embezzlement	72	62	43	29
Election law, violation	10	4	0	0
Extortion	19	5	9	3
False alarm of fire	0	12	5	3
False pretense	211	290	304	199
Felony, attempt	101	111	35	23
Felony, accessory to	0	5	4	21
Forcible entry	276	363	291	347
Forgery	34	70	29	31
Fornication	34	34	21	11
Fornication and bastardy	54	27	12	6
Fortune telling	16	2	5	35
Fugitive from justice	446	425	419	457
Gambling	2 848	0	0	0
Gambling house	258	142	138	199
Gambling house, frequenter	0	1 674	1 292	1 345
Gambling, hand book on horse	0	7	6	1
Gambling, pool room	0	1	10	1
Gambling, crap shooting	0	1 068	781	665
Gambling, devices	0	31	21	15
Horse stealing	0	1	1	0
Immigration law violated	0	16	0	1
Incest	0	0	0	0
Incendiarism	0	0	2	1
Indecent exposure	78	94	74	65
Indecent publication	0	0	11	3
Insanity	412	389	407	357
Insulting females	8	11	4	1
Interfering with officer	275	283	154	163
Intoxication	14 313	21 850	36 299	45 226
Intoxication and disorderly	6 097	5 232	7 925	8 076
Incorrigible	0	114	145	148
Impersonating an officer	0	15	31	30
Kidnapping	4	1	0	1
Larceny	4 015	3 521	2 588	2 657
Larceny, attempt to commit	0	89	145	191
Larceny, suspicion of	1 946	1 601	1 143	878
Larceny, sneak	0	85	31	47
Larceny, flim flam	0	11	20	19
Larceny, by bailee	0	25	62	47
Larceny, from person	0	41	60	63
Lewdness, open	1	0	0	1
Libel	2	0	3	1
Liquor selling, Sunday	8	18	63	60
Liquor, selling without license	95	301	518	680
Liquor, selling to minors	1	2	3	9
Liquor, transporting	0	147	183	145
Liquor, illegal possession	0	110	130	416
Liquor, illicit still	0	24	141	79
Liquor, illegal sale	71	0	0	0

CHARGES ON WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE—Concluded

	1920	1921	1922	1923
Liquor, illegal possession of	111	0	0	0
Liquor, maintaining illicit still	36	0	0	0
Lottery, policies	0	10	3	1
Malicious mischief	801	889	579	532
Male bawd	26	3	20	4
Manslaughter	264	216	307	336
Mayhem	15	14	15	9
Misdemeanors	10 631	5 085	2 960	2 363
Murder	92	85	81	132
Mutiny	0	35	0	0
Narcotic drug user	0	448	683	403
Narcotic drug selling	0	111	138	110
Narcotic drug in possession	0	220	214	147
Narcotics, selling or possessing	269	0	0	0
Narcotics, use of	524	0	0	0
Pandering	0	24	9	14
Parole violation	0	11	6	2
Perjury	4	6	4	4
Perjury, subornation of	1	0	0	0
Picking pockets	392	268	156	107
Prize fighting	0	0	0	0
Rape	75	130	85	97
Rape, attempt to	31	59	49	38
Receiving stolen goods	288	249	211	185
Reckless driving	0	170	246	226
Riot	18	8	7	3
Riot, inciting to	140	207	57	33
Robbery	0	276	197	167
Robbery, highway	423	409	303	370
Runaway	0	455	952	1 016
Sedition	0	23	1	6
Seduction	2	2	3	1
Sodomy	38	46	46	34
Soliciting, for immoral purposes	0	235	127	61
Sunday law, violation of	0	99	71	44
Thieves, professional	13	36	31	22
Trespassing	0	313	337	364
Threatening letters	10	1	3	3
Threat to do bodily harm	0	178	107	95
Treason	0	1	0	0
Unlawful assemblies	118	1	1	16
Unnecessary noise	0	0	15	6
Vagrancy	1 654	3 967	4 136	2 672
Vicious dog keeping	10	19	7	5
Weapons, carrying concealed	610	578	564	698
Weapons, pointing	0	13	1	8
Weapons, selling to minors	0	0	0	1
Weapons, discharge in public	0	8	19	21
White slavery	0	2	1	2
Witness, material	17	176	641	841
Totals	73 015	83 136	99 601	115 399

Previous to January 1, 1922, some of the arrests in the above list were not designated specifically.

COMPARISON OF ARRESTS FOR TEN YEARS—1914–1923

1914	100 629
1915	91 237
1916	95 783
1917	96 041
1918	94 039
1919	75 618
1920	73 015
1921	83 136
1922	99 601
1923	115 399

DETECTIVE DIVISION

CRIMINAL SECTION

	1920	1921	1922	1923
Arrests by detectives	2 471	2 354	2 417	2 485
Other cases in which detectives assisted	11 678	14 916	24 536	28 243
Special investigations	1 158	1 168	1 764	1 605
Persons reported missing	3 939	3 449	3 643	5 369
Missing persons located	3 781	2 940	3 434	4 883
Horses reported stolen	291	291	290	281
Recovered	284	282	270	275
Other animals missing	338	318	157	3
Recovered	197	247	143	3
Push-carts reported stolen	51	51	56	27
Recovered	29	39	26	24
Stolen property recovered	$565 244 77	$506 254 14	$131 575 82	$214 830 49

DISPOSITION OF MURDER CASES COMMITTED DURING THE YEAR

Tried and convicted	42
Tried and acquitted	23
Untried	60
Murder and suicide	1
Fugitives	20
Ignored by Grand Jury	11
Arrests	136
Total number of murders during the year	163
Total number of persons accused of murder	157
Total number of murders unsolved	8

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